

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method implemented by a client application running on a client computer, said method comprising:

retrieving an address associated with a server that provides a geolocating service to users who transfer to that address electronic documents that include unstructured text, said geolocating service involving analyzing the unstructured text within the electronic documents that are electronically transferred to that address by remotely located client applications to identify one or more spatial identifiers and from that analysis generating geolocation information for those one or more spatial identifiers found within the electronic documents;

identifying at said client application a client document that includes unstructured text;

electronically transferring the identified client document to the address of the geolocating service so as to receive the geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified client document; and

electronically receiving back from the geolocating service geolocation information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified client document, wherein the received geolocation information includes one or more spatial identifiers that were identified within the unstructured text within the client document, ~~and~~ spatial coordinates corresponding to the one or more identified spatial identifiers, and a spatial relevance level for the client document.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

identifying at the client computer a plurality of client documents for which geolocation information is desired, said first-mentioned client document being among said plurality of client documents and each of said plurality of documents including corresponding unstructured text;

electronically transferring the identified plurality of client documents to the address of the geolocating service so as to receive the geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified plurality of client documents; and

electronically receiving back from the geolocating service geolocation information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified plurality of client documents, wherein the received geolocation information includes one or more spatial identifiers that were identified within the unstructured text within the plurality of client documents, and spatial coordinates corresponding to the one or more identified spatial identifiers, and a spatial relevance level for each of the plurality of client documents.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

electronically receiving back from said server a spatial document index that was generated for said plurality of documents by said geolocating service.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein retrieving an address involves searching on the Internet for said address associated with the server that provides a geolocating service to users.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein retrieving an address involves reading said address from a local memory.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
electronically receiving back from said server said client document along with the geolocation information that was generated for the unstructured text within said identified client document by said server.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising electronically receiving back from said geolocating service said plurality of documents as well as the geolocation

information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within each of said plurality of documents.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the spatial coordinates are ~~geolocation coordinates~~ latitude and longitude.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the spatial coordinates are ~~geolocation coordinates~~ latitude and longitude.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the spatial relevance level of a client document is a measure of the relevance of the unstructured text of that client document to a user query.

17. (New) A method implemented by a client application running on a client computer, said method comprising:

retrieving an address associated with a server that provides a geolocating service to users who transfer to that address electronic documents that include unstructured text, said geolocating service involving analyzing the unstructured text within the electronic documents that are electronically transferred to that address by remotely located client applications to identify one or more spatial identifiers and from that analysis generating geolocation information for those one or more spatial identifiers found within the electronic documents;

identifying at said client application a client document that includes unstructured text; electronically transferring the identified client document to the address of the geolocating service so as to receive the geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified client document; and

electronically receiving back from the geolocating service geolocation information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified client document, wherein the received geolocation information includes a spatial identifier that was identified within the unstructured text within the

client document, spatial coordinates corresponding to the identified spatial identifier, and a numerical score relating to a confidence that the identified spatial identifier corresponds to the spatial coordinates.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein retrieving an address involves searching on the Internet for said address associated with the server that provides a geolocating service to users.

19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein retrieving an address involves reading said address from a local memory.

20. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising electronically receiving back from said server said client document along with the geolocation information that was generated for the unstructured text within said identified client document by said server.

21. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the spatial coordinates are latitude and longitude.

22. (New) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

identifying at the client computer a plurality of client documents for which geolocation information is desired, said first-mentioned client document being among said plurality of client documents and each of said plurality of documents including corresponding unstructured text;

electronically transferring the identified plurality of client documents to the address of the geolocating service so as to receive the geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified plurality of client documents; and

electronically receiving back from the geolocating service geolocation information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within the identified plurality of client documents, wherein the received geolocation information includes a spatial identifier that was identified within the unstructured text within the plurality of client documents, spatial coordinates corresponding to the identified spatial identifier, and a numerical score relating to a confidence that the identified spatial identifier corresponds to the spatial coordinates.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising electronically receiving back from said server a spatial document index that was generated for said plurality of documents by said geolocating service.

24. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising electronically receiving back from said geolocating service said plurality of documents as well as the geolocation information that was generated by said geolocating service for the unstructured text within each of said plurality of documents.

25. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the spatial coordinates are latitude and longitude.